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EXPORT GROWTH
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain commodities have registered negative export growth during the last two financial years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to enhance the export growth of such commodities?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) &(b) The export growth of the Principal commodities as per the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics for the year 1997-98, 1998-99 and April-December, 1999-2000 over the estimates of the same period last year in US $ terms is as under:-

US $ million

Items	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000 (April-Dec)
Ores and minerals	(-)9.5	(-)16.0	(-)1.7
Sports goods	3.5	(-)10.8	(-)8.2
Chemical products	10.9	(-)8.1	10.6
Engineering goods	9.4	(-)14.2	22.3
Electronic hardware	(-)3.1	(-)34.3	19.7
Project goods	55.1	(-)40.2	(-)75.2
Petroleum products	(-)26.8	(-)74.6	(-)65.3
Plantation	38.5	(-)1.0	(-) 24.4
Agriculture products	(-)7.8	(-)6.7	(-)11.0
Marine products	6.9	(-)14.0	7.8
Leather& manufactures	3.2	(-)0.2	(-)8.0
Gems & jewellery	12.5	10.4	22.1
Textiles	5.7	(-)1.1	8.9
Handicraft	10.6	19.0	7.8
Carpets	(-)7.6	(-)2.0	21.1
Cotton raw	(-)50.1	(-)75.9	(-)61.6

The data are provisional.

(c) A number of steps have been taken to further enhance the export growth which include reduction in transaction cost through decentralisation, simplification of procedures and various other measures as enumerated in the Exim Policy. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions.